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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 98,009-B1)

In the application of:

<b>Kathleen E. Rodgers, et al.</b>	)	
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Serial No: <b>To be assigned</b>	)	Art Unit: <b>To be assigned</b>
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Filed: <b>Herewith</b>	)	
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For: <b>METHOD OF PROMOTING</b>	)	Examiner: <b>To be assigned</b>
<b>ERYTHROPOIESIS</b>	)	

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Please ~~enter~~ the following preliminary amendments to the specification and claims:

*In the Specification:*

Please ~~delete~~ lines 6-8 on page 1 and substitute the following: "This application is a  
continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/245,680, which claims priority  
from U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/074,106 filed February 8, 1998 and  
60/111,535 filed December 9, 1998."

*In the claims:*

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 3-30 without prejudice to their filing in subsequent  
continuation or divisional applications.

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for augmenting erythropoiesis comprising contacting erythroid  
progenitor cells with an amount effective to augment erythropoiesis of at least one active

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